D. elephantopus, and *D. didiformis*, also some bones of other extinct species, such as *Cnemiornis*, *Haptornis*, *Harpagornis*, and *Megalapteryx*. In the same case a fine collection of representative birds is labelled as exhibited by Mr. William Sparkes; there are also cases of Kakapo, Kaka, and Kea Parrots; and Mr. G. Fydell Rowley sends his celebrated Moa's egg, said to be unique. Altogether New Zealand makes a very fine show, not merely in ornithology but also in other branches of natural history. Fiji contributes an interesting group of mounted birds.

In the New World, Canada stands foremost with the fine collections exhibited by the Geological and Natural-History Surveying Department and by Mr. Hubbard, beneath his Rocky Mountain trophy, which no visitor can fail to notice. It contains, besides other objects of interest, three examples of what appears to be the Dwarf Snow-Goose (*Chen rossi*). Dr. Anderson of Quebec sends one small case of birds. British Guiana exhibits some mounted birds, a small collection of eggs, and a number of skins sent by Dr. C. G. Young. Santa Lucia, Grenada, and Tobago also contribute specimens of their avifauna, the last-named island exhibiting three attractive cases of nests, eggs, and parent birds. And with this I close the enumeration of the objects which I have been able to note, hoping that nothing of greater interest or rarity may still lurk unrecorded in some corner of the Exhibition.

10th July, 1886.

XLV.—*On a Collection of Birds from several little-known Islands of the West Indies.* By Charles B. Cory.

During the past winter (1885–6) an enterprising young collector, Mr. W. B. Richardson, has been visiting the West Indies. The ornithological results of his trip have been forwarded to me for identification and prove to be of much interest, including examples of three supposed new species (i.e. *Loxigilla barbadensis*, *Thryothorus guadeloupensis*, and

Loxigilla richardsoni, described in 'The Auk' for July, 1886, pp. 381–382), and of another species new to the Antilles.

Barbadoes.

Sixty-three skins were sent from Barbadoes, referable to twelve species, which were as follows:—

Dendrœca capitalis, Lawr.

Setophaga ruticilla (Linn.).

Certhiola barbadensis, Baird.

Vireo calidris (Linn.).

Loxigilla barbadensis, Cory.

Euetheia bicolor (Linn.).

Quiscalus fortirostris, Lawr.

Elainea martinica (Linn.).

Eulampis holosericeus (Linn.).

Bellona cristata (Linn.).

Columbigallina passerina (Linn.).

Ardea virescens (Linn.).

St. Vincent.

The lot from St. Vincent contained one hundred and seventy-five specimens of twenty-three species.

Merula nigrirostris (Lawr.).

Merula caribbæa (Lawr.).

This bird is allied to *M. gymnophthalma* (Cab.), from which I did not think it separable until I received the St. Vincent specimens. West-India birds seem to be more grey or ash-coloured, instead of brown; the bare skin round the eye is bright yellow in specimens from St. Vincent, and those from Grenada are probably the same.

Myiadestes sibilans, Lawr.

Cinclocerthia ruficauda (Gould).

Mimus gilvus (Vieill.).

Thryothorus musicus, Lawr.

Certhiola saccharina, Lawr.

Certhiola atrata, Lawr.

Vireo calidris (Linn.).

Calliste versicolor, Lawr.

This form is nearly allied to *C. cucullata,* but distinguished from it by several slight differences which appear to be constant.

Loxigilla noctis (Linn.).

Euetheia bicolor (Linn.).

Elainea martinica (Linn.).

Myiarchus oberi, Lawr.

Tyrannus rostratus, Sclater.

Chætura poliura (Temm.).

Three specimens of this interesting species were in the collection. I am not aware of any previous record of it from the West Indies.

Eulampis jugularis (Linn.).

Bellona cristata (Linn.).

Crotophaga ani (Linn.).

Coccygus minor (Gmel.).

Buteo latissimus (Wils.).

Urubitinga anthracina (Licht.).

Geotrygon montana (Linn.).

Marie Galante.

From this little-known island Mr. Richardson has forwarded sixty-seven skins of thirteen species of birds.

Dendrœca rufigula, Baird.

Dendrœca plumbea, Lawr.

Setophaga ruticilla (Linn.).

Certhiola dominicana (Taylor).

Vireo calidris (Linn.)

Loxigilla noctis (Linn.).

Euetheia bicolor (Linn.).

+ Elainea martinica (Linn.).
+ Quiscalus guadeloupensis, Lawr.
+ Eulampis holosericeus (Lawr.).
+ Bellona cristata (Linn.).
+ Falco sparverius caribbæarum (Gmel.).
+ Gallinula galeata (Licht.).

La Desirade.

This island, according to Mr. Richardson, is sparsely wooded, and birds are scarce; fifty-seven specimens of eleven species were procured here.

+ Margarops densirostris (Vieill.).
+ Margarops montanus (Vieill.).
Certhiola dominicana (Taylor).
Loxigilla noctis (Linn.).
Euetheia bicolor (Linn.).
+ Eulampis holosericeus (Linn.).
+ Bellona cristata (Linn.).
+ Falco sparverius caribbæarum (Gmel.).
+ Columbigallina passerina (Linn.).
+ Ardea virescens (Linn.).
+ Phaethon æthereus (Linn.).

Grand Terre.

This is but narrowly separated from Guadeloupe, and is practically the same island; the country is low. Mr. Richardson has sent seventy-six specimens representing fifteen species obtained here.

+ Cinclocerthia ruficauda (Gould).
+ Thryothorus guadeloupensis, Cory.
Dendrœca rufigula, Baird.
Dendrœca plumbea, Lawr.
Setophaga ruticilla (Linn.).
Certhiola dominicana (Taylor).

Vireo calidris (Linn.).
Saltator guadeloupensis, Lawr.
Elainea martinica (Linn.).
Tyrannus rostratus, Sclater.
Eulampis holosericeus (Linn.).
Eulampis jugularis (Linn.).
Bellona cristata (Linn.).
Geotrygon mystacea (Temm.).
Ardea virescens (Linn.).

Mr. Richardson stopped several days in St. Lucia, but collected nothing there, not being able to procure a permit to shoot birds from the authorities; but he purchased a number of skins from a native living in the interior of the island, and among them examples of a black *Loxigilla* already described ('Auk,' 1886, p. 382) as a supposed new species. The lot contained examples of ten species.

Myiadestes sanctæ-luciæ, Stejn.
Cinclocerthia macrorhyncha (Sclater).
Ramphocinclus brachyurus (Vieill.).
Dendrœca delicata (Ridgw.).
Leucopeza semperi, Sclater.
Certhiola martinicana, Reich.
Loxigilla richardsoni, Cory.
Euphonia flavifrons (Sparrm.).
Icterus laudabilis, Sclater.
Contopus latirostris, Verr.

XLVI.—*On a Collection of Birds from Fao, in the Persian Gulf.* By R. Bowdler Sharpe, F.L.S. &c. *With Notes by the Collector,* W. D. Cumming.

The British Museum has received during the past year a valuable series of birds from Mr. W. D. Cumming, who is stationed at Fao, and is a most energetic collector. The